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BON VOYAGE

Monday, October 15th, marked the departure for Camp Dix of the thirty-one colored members of Company 1232 who arrived on May 24th. These were the men who re-enrolled for a second six months' in September, and were transferred to the east for re-assigment to companies in 2nd Corps Area. They were sorry to leave their western home and it was with genuine regret that the balance of the company saw them go. They were, without exception a fine group of men.

It is seldom that a "mixed" company of whites and negroes gets along together as this company did during their stay here. The entire seven months was unmarred by one serious altercation between the two races -- not only because of the strict order published against such fighting, but because there was so little opportunity for friction. The colored boys entered into all phases of camp life--socially, as well as in an athletic way, and the talents of the outstanding men among them were as readily recognized as they were among the white enrollees. For a considerable time, the kitchen crew was entirely from "The Cotton Club" and their work was done well.

It is impossible to successfully manage any group of men without requiring strict obedience to the few orders that make for orderliness instead of chaos. In this obedience, the colored members of this company established an enviable record and the discipline they obeyed will be of benefit to them in later years. Man uncontrolled is the most dangerous thing in the world and the recognition of proper authority is the first step in acknowledging a controlled mind. By their respect for this order of things the colored boys won the respect of everyone in camp.

To whatever camp they may be assigned, we hope that the "Cotton Club" will prosper.

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MOVING DAY IN CAMP

Wednesday seem to be quite an exciting day, moving here and there from one barrack to another.

A better system was arranged to have all camp overheads and the kitchen force together in one barrack. This system will cause less commotion when early risers from the kitchen leave for their work in the morning, and lights may be turned out sooner for those who wish to sleep early. The barrack has been arranged so all the kitchen helpers can occupy one end and camp overheads the other, so no disturbance will arise when going to bed or getting up for work.

This arrangement thus far has worked satisfactory, and was a very good idea.

ANOTHER CAMP SHOW

Now that our Millersylvania Blue Rythm Boys have left for the east, it should not be said that we can't get another camp show of our own. It rests in our hands to start another good musical show. We know that it can be done, which also seems quite an opportunity to tour the other camps.

Not all of the boys are gifted with musical or entertaining talent, but those who are should take this advantage.

To add to the reputation of our camp the boys who would like to try will report in the Drying Room at 8.00 P.M.